

Torrance, California
May 20, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, 1958, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale and Isen. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: Blount and Jahn. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present. Councilman Blount joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m. and Councilman Jahn at 5:40 p.m.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Bill Hanson led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend Hugh Percy of St. Andrews Episcopal Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Minutes of May 6, and May 13, 1958, meetings of the Council as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the:
Opening of Bids for Construction of El Retiro Library Building.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders. Councilman Benstead moved the affidavit of Publication be received and filed. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the bids as stated below, all of which were accompanied by a bidder's bond in the amount of 10% of the amount bid.

In answer to a question from Mayor Isen, Mr. Grissell of Mr. Marion J. Varner's office stated that Alternate "A" was for aluminum letters on the front of the building; Alternate "B" was for a bronze plaque; and that the Council may accept either one or both, or neither.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BASIC BID</u>	<u>Alt. "A"</u>	<u>Alt. "B"</u>
Don B. Wolf, Torrance	\$24,594	\$195.00	\$158.00
Post Construction, Culver City	40,499	205.00	158.00
Herman Richards, Inc., Hawthorne	25,980	205.00	158.00
Richards Contractors, Inglewood	25,250	205.00	158.00
Russell Best, Long Beach	26,495	205.00	158.00
J.E. Wilson and Son, Inglewood	25,990	205.00	158.00
Jack K. Tanner, Los Angeles	24,293	195.00	158.00
Mayo Construction, Co., Redondo Beach	31,377	225.00	174.00
E.B. Kilstofte, Wilmington	29,000	225.50	173.80
A.H. Dohrman Co., Hawthorne	27,860	205.00	170.00
Pacific West Coast Const., Los Angeles	29,580	232.00	170.00
Fergot Construction, Downey	28,600	225.00	175.00

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated the bid must be let to the lowest responsible bidder, since this is an expenditure for a public building.

Councilman Drale moved the bid of the lowest responsible bidder, Jack K. Tanner, Los Angeles, be accepted and referred to the City Manager for further recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to accept both Alternate "A" and Alternate "B" on the bid of Jack K. Tanner, Los Angeles. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Manager Stevens read the names of the subcontractors as stated in the bid of Jack K. Tanner as follows:

Metal Windows	Olson Glass Co., Torrance
Millwork or Cabinets	Valley Planing Mill, Van Nuys
Roofing	M & J Roofing, Gardena
Sheet Metal	Weiss Sheet Metal, L.A.
Lathing & Plastering	Peacock & Son, Southgate
Wood Doors	Valley Planing Mill, Van Nuys
Aluminum Entrance Doors & Frames	Olson Glass Co., Torrance
Miscellaneous Metal Work	Hoertig Ironworks, L.A.
Glass and Glazing	Olson Glass Co., Torrance
Resilient Floors	AAA Venetian Blind, L.A.
Plaque and Letters	Phillips Pattern, Downey
Painting	A.J. Beyer, Huntington Park
Plumbing	Briseno-Paavola
Heating and Ventilating	Jack Wood, Harbor City
Electrical Work	Jack Wood, Harbor City
	Challenge Electric, Gardena

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. A claim of Henry R. Halvorsen, submitted by United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company as Subrogee, dated May 16, 1958, against the City of Torrance for alleged property damage sustained as result of collision involving police car on February 19, 1958.

Councilman Drale moved the claim be denied and referred to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A claim submitted by Henry R. Halvorsen dated May 16, 1958, against the City of Torrance for alleged property damage sustained as result of collision involving police car on February 19, 1958.

Councilman Benstead moved the claim be denied and referred to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, dated May 14, 1958, signed by John G.L. Crain, President, opposing the continuance of pick-up service on rubbish and trash from various commercial firms by the City of Torrance in competition with private industry.

Councilman Jahn moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

3. A letter from the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, dated May 9, 1958, signed by F.W. Mill, Secretary, recommending that a comparative statement of revenue and expense be compiled by City personnel, showing the amount of revenue received from industrial properties and the amount of expense covering the services to these industrial properties.

In answer to a question from Councilman Jahn, City Manager Stevens stated that if the Torrance Industries Tax Committee furnished the assessed valuation the matter of revenue is very simple. The income would be very accurate; the expense would be an estimate which would be fairly accurate.

Councilman Bradford felt this to be very important. Mayor Isen asked that City Manager Stevens write a letter to the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, advising them that the City will furnish this information, if they will furnish the assessed valuations.

There were no objections, so ordered.

4. A letter from Leon E. Grossman, 2600 Ralston Lane, Redondo Beach, California, dated May 14, 1958, requested the donation of a large bus to transport 54 children to see the L.A. Dodgers play ball on June 5, 1958.

Councilman Drale moved the request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen requested City Clerk Bartlett to write the appropriate letter, informing Mr. Grossman of the Council's action.

Mr. Grossman was in the audience and spoke at some length requesting this bus service. Councilman Bradford stated he felt it

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was the duty of the parents to take the boys to the game. Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Grossman contact the Bus Superintendent to see if something could be worked out to charter a bus. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated it would be illegal for the City to furnish this transportation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. In a letter dated May 16, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for Council consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of 8000 pounds of Palmyra broom fiber @ 13¢ per pound, plus sales tax, the sum of \$1,090.25, from California Brush Company, who submitted the lowest bid on this item. (A Budget Item)
2. For the purchase of a heavy-duty PB-53 Indusco Disc from Southwest Tractor Sales, the sum of \$376.84. This is a heavy-duty disc to be used in weed abatement on City streets and property. Councilman Jahn moved to concur with recommendations 1 and 2, inclusive, as presented by the City Manager under "Appropriations". Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

CITY DUMP:

It is recommended that the City Dump be closed, effective July 1, 1958, to all but City and School District equipment.

By such action the City Dump can be more efficiently filled and prolong the life of the Dump by many months, a direct saving in the cost of operating the Dump, and what is becoming a real dangerous condition to private users will be eliminated.

If approved, publicity should be given to this matter, so that users of the Dump would have time to make other arrangements.

PRIVATE REFUSE COLLECTORS:

In keeping with business license fees required by some other cities, it is recommended that the license fee for Private Refuse Collectors in the city of Torrance be set at a rate of \$500.00 per year. This would also tend to limit the number of Collectors in the city and thereby permit better control by the City.

Councilman Drale stated the Street, Sewer and Refuse Collection Committee is meeting Thursday, May 22, 1958, at 10:00 a.m. and asked that the matter of the City Dump and Private Refuse Collectors be referred to this committee for recommendation at the next regular Council meeting. There were no objections, so ordered.

2. In a letter dated May 14, 1958, the City Manager wrote as follows:

"The matter of awarding bids for Mobile Aerial Tower and truck was withdrawn from last week's agenda, to be resubmitted at the next meeting, with an explanation of the minutes concerning the bids.

The notice inviting bids indicated that all bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Bid - Mobile Aerial Tower". Four bids were received under this heading: (1) American Equipment and Body Company, bidding on Item #2 only; (2) Vel's Ford Sales Company, bidding on Item #1 only; (3) Harron, Richard & McCone, bidding on Item #2 only; (4) Moore's Timesaving Equipment, bidding on Items #1 and #2.

Following the opening and reading of the bids they were referred to the City Manager.

There was also a bid marked "Truck Bid Due 5/6/58" from Paul's Chevrolet. This bid was opened and read. Paul's Chevrolet bid on Item #1 only. The bid was referred to the City Manager.

The low bid for the truck chassis only was submitted by Vel's Ford Sales Company and it is recommended that their bid be accepted."

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT MANAGER:

1. A letter from Jack R. Egan, Airport Manager, dated May 13, 1958, regarding an agreement between the City of Torrance and Advanced Electronics, for the procurement and installation of radio equipment in the Airport Traffic Control Tower at Torrance Airport, and recommending that the necessary steps be taken to authorize final payment to Advanced Electronics.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter from J.W. Rich, Rich Sign & Neon Company, dated May 1, 1958, asked permission to erect a sign that is over forty-two square feet at Grant Realty, 3717 W. 190th Street, Torrance, along with the comments from Mr. Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building, stating the sign is approximately 82 square feet and requires Council approval. This request is resubmitted.

Mr. Petersen, 22720 Crosshill Avenue, Torrance, spoke at great length explaining the area concerned, prior signs posted, and the size of the sign. Mr. Schultz also stated he had conducted a survey of signs at realty offices and cited several cases which did not comply with the sign ordinance. Councilman Benstead explained they were erected prior to the sign ordinance. Mayor Isen suggested Mr. Petersen resubmit another drawing of a sign smaller in size. No objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUS DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter from M.A. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent, dated May 15, 1958, which stated the bus loading zones at Talisman and Halison on Hawthorne and Ainsworth on 174th Street are additions to the regular established stops along the bus route. The additions were requested due to increase in housing at or near locations requested.

There were no objections and the letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter from Jack McAdam and M. Frank Harris requested a waiver of requirement for concrete foundation for building to be moved to northwest corner of 101 Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard, to be used as an office building in connection with a Used Car business, together with the comment of Henry C. Litzinger, Deputy License Inspector, stating this application for a business license has been approved by Police Chief Bennett.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated there was no provision in the Building Code giving the Council the right to waive any provision of the Building Code. This can not be waived.

Mr. Harris stated they wanted to use a block foundation and not a slab foundation.

Mayor Isen suggested Mr. Harris work with the office of the City Attorney and the Building Superintendent during the week to see if a solution can be reached and, if necessary, return the matter to the Council. No objections, so ordered.

2. A letter from St. Vincent de Paul Society, signed by R.T. Whaling, Manager, dated May 2, 1958, requested renewal of their free license to solicit for salvage, together with the recommendation of Deputy License Inspector Litzinger to grant a free license, and the approval of Police Chief Bennett.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of Deputy License Inspector Litzinger. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter from A.E. McVicar, Superintendent of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, dated May 13, 1958, submitted four easement deeds for water main installations from the following:

- a. Bank of America National Trust & Savings Ass'n
- b. Jack H. Scroggy and Faith L. Scroggy
- c. Allen E. Kelly and Vivian Kelly
- d. Stanley Investment Corporation.

Said water main installations will be located at the southwest corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept these easements as listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. A letter from W.C. Bradford, Secretary, Torrance Civil Service Board, dated May 9, 1958, stated that at the regular meeting of the Civil Service Board held May 7th, it was recommended that Mr. George Morehart be authorized to attend the Western Regional Convention of the Public Personnel Association, to be held at Vancouver, B.C. on June 4th, 5th and 6th, with appropriate expenses paid. This letter was accompanied by a letter from City Manager Stevens, dated May 16, 1958, listing information regarding the cost of such a trip.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Morehart, who was in the audience, to estimate the amount needed for this trip and to report after recess. This matter was taken up as the first item after recess with the following action taken:

City Manager Stevens stated the expenses had been estimated at approximately \$300.00, and recommended the request be approved for a sum not to exceed \$300.00, and that an accounting be made of the expenses upon Mr. Morehart's return.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale stated he voted "No" because this meeting is to be held outside of the United States.

2. A letter from W.C. Bradford, Secretary, Torrance Civil Service Board, dated May 13, 1958, stated that the Civil Service Board, after making a thorough study of this subject, unanimously recommended, at their meeting held May 7th, that in all future examinations, consisting of two or more parts, applicants be required to obtain a minimum score of 70 in the written portion, in order to be called for subsequent portions of the examination.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

3. A letter from W.C. Bradford, Secretary, Torrance Civil Service Board, dated May 12, 1958, stated the Civil Service Board approval of a request from Lt. Karl Friberg for thirty days leave of absence, without pay, commencing June 9, 1958, to recuperate from a recent illness. This request was also approved by Police Chief Bennett.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Isen stated a distinguished visitor was in the audience and asked Mr. Harold Tomisian, attorney, to introduce the gentleman. Mr. Tomisian introduced Congressman Clair Engle from the Second District of California. Mayor Isen stated the Council was happy to greet Congressman Engle and a recess would be declared so that all Councilmen and persons present would have a chance to meet and talk with Congressman Engle.

Congressman Engle thanked Mayor Isen and expressed his appreciation for this opportunity to speak.

At 6:15 p.m. Mayor Isen declared a ten-minute recess, the meeting reconvening at 6:25 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. A letter from Percy G. Bennett, Chief of Police, submitting recommendations of the Traffic Commission as follows:

THAT SPEED LIMIT BE REDUCED:

- A. From 55 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour on 190th St. from Western Ave. to Hawthorne Blvd.

THAT STOP SIGNS BE POSTED:

- A. For north bound traffic at the main gate to the Airport onto the Airport.
- B. For Southbound traffic on Greenwood Ave. at El Dorado.
- C. For east and west bound traffic on Milne Dr. at Ellinwood.
- D. For southbound traffic on Vanderhill at Calle Mayor.
- E. For east and west bound traffic on Newton St. at Los Codona.
- F. For northbound traffic at the exit of the American Standard parking lot at 203rd St.

THAT NO LEFT TURN SIGN BE POSTED:

- A. At each driveway of the Bowl-O-Drome eastbound onto Western Avenue.

THAT NO PARKING AT ANY TIME BE POSTED:

- A. On 101 Highway along both sides of the highway from a point 250 feet east of the centerline of Calle Mayor and 250 feet west of the center line of Calle Mayor. Requested by the State.

THAT LANTERN TYPE ELECTRIC SIGNALS BE INSTALLED:

- A. As the money becomes available, at the following locations:
Sartori and Marcelina
Sartori and El Prado
Sartori and Post
Cravens and El Prado
Cravens and Marcelina
Cravens and Gramercy

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission with the exception of "A" under "That Lantern Type Electric Signals Be Installed" with the statement as the money becomes available. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn explained these were overhead hanging signals, which cost approximately \$600-\$700, while the corner four-way signals would cost approximately \$3,000.

City Manager Stevens recommended that in the future whenever a list of signs such as this is presented for approval, there should be a price tag on them. He stated that at one time approval was given for a list of signs which the signs alone cost \$2,800. He felt the Council should know what the signs are costing. Mayor Isen asked the Chief of Police to make note of City Manager Stevens' suggestion.

Councilman Beasley stated his disapproval of the lantern type electric signals.

Motion, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead and Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter from City Engineer Bishop, dated May 15, 1958, submitted Easement Deed from Edward A. and Ellen H. Mann, portion of Lot 66, McDonald Tract, for widening of Arlington Avenue at 176th Street. A location sketch was attached.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept the easement deed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A letter from City Engineer Bishop, dated May 15, 1958, recommended that Bond Release - Tract No. 20829, Bond No. 222958, \$25,000, subdivider: Knolls Construction Co. (J.E. Kettler) be released. A letter from Asst. Park Superintendent Clemmer, dated May 15, 1958, concurred in the release and was attached, together with a sketch of Tract No. 20829. (See action under next item.)

3. A letter from City Engineer Bishop, dated May 14, 1958, recommended Bond Release - Tract No. 23149, Bond No. 521661-LA - \$15,865.00, Subdivider: Property Management Corporation, be released. A letter from Asst. Park Superintendent Clemmer, dated May 14, 1958, concurred in the release and was attached, together with a sketch of Tract No. 23149.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur on the release of Bond on Tract No. 20829 and Tract No. 23149. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. The Planning Commission, at their meeting of May 7, 1958, recommended Case No. 499 to your Honorable Body for approval and respectfully request the date for the Third and Final Hearing be set for June 10, 1958.

CASE NO. 499: Petition of Catherine Mesplau, 16940 Crenshaw Blvd., for a Change of Zone from R-2 and R-1 to C-2 and R-3, on the property legally described as follows: Beginning at the NE corner of 170th and Crenshaw, thence North 312.86'; thence East 510.61'; thence South 312.86'; thence West to the point of beginning and (excepting therefrom the Westerly 20' of this parcel of land which shall be dedicated to the City of Torrance for the widening of Crenshaw and further excepting therefrom the Southerly 30' of this parcel of land for the widening of 170th St.); to be rezoned from R-2 and R-1 to C-2 and R-3 as follows: Parcel A - the westerly 259.74' proposed for C-2 zoning; Parcel B - the easterly 170.87' proposed to be rezoned R-3. There is further proposed a parcel of land 60' in width by 282.86' in length which shall be improved as the continuation of Atkinson Ave. from 170th St. north to the existing improved portion of Atkinson Ave., South of 168th Street.

There were no objections and Mayor Isen set the date of June 10, 1958, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, as the date, time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 499.

2. A letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, dated May 15, 1958, stated that it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the Dominguez Company be requested to waive their reversionary rights on this property to the City, so the City might make the necessary arrangements with the Torrance Rod and Gun Club. They also recommended that someone be assigned to negotiate these reversionary rights before vacationing proceedings are instituted. Excerpt of the Planning Commission Minutes of May 7, 1958, were attached. The Torrance Rod and Gun Club have asked for the vacationing of a parcel owned by the City, located at Plaza del Amo and Border Avenue.

Councilman Jahn stated this matter had been sent to the Planning Commission to ascertain if the size of the lot would hold the building they had in mind, however, this question has never been answered. Planning Director Powell stated there was no doubt about the area as far as the building was concerned.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated this was dedicated park land and there were certain restrictions on even selling this land. He added it is a grave legal problem and there is great doubt that we can do as the Torrance Rod and Gun Club has requested.

Councilman Blount cited the City's lease with the YWCA and suggested that the Council work something out similar for the Torrance Rod and Gun Club.

Councilman Drale asked that consideration be given on the extension of Border Avenue and the width. He suggested a map be presented showing this extension.

Mayor Isen referred the matter to the Engineering Department and to the City Attorney and asked that a written report be submitted to the Council as soon as possible. No objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A letter from Robert S. Cramer, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, dated May 16, 1958, opposed the purchase of six acres of land at the corner of Plaza del Amo and Border Avenue from Mr. Dudley Gray.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Mr. Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

2. A letter from Robert S. Cramer, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, dated May 16, 1958, concurred with the desire of Mrs. Corbett for a year-round plunge, but, because of lack of funds to develop such, it could not be recommended at this time.

Councilman Beasley suggested the matter be referred to the City Manager for consideration at the time of budget hearings.

The matter of the cost of a covering to protect the plunge during the year was discussed.

Mayor Isen said, if there were no objections, the matter should be referred to the Engineering Department and to the Recreation Director for their suggestions. No objections, so ordered.

3. A letter from Robert S. Cramer, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, dated May 16, 1958, concurred with the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, Harry Van Bellehem, to reduce the adult admission charge to the Victor E. Benstead Plunge to \$0.25.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. A letter from Robert S. Cramer, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, dated May 16, 1958, requested the construction of restrooms at McMaster Park and called attention to the fact that it is in Mr. Van Bellehem's budget.

City Manager Stevens stated there were restrooms in the building. He felt an investigation should be made as to the availability of the restrooms from the park and playground.

Mayor Isen moved to refer this matter to the Building Department for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale. No objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

1. A letter from Harry B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, regarding the sporting goods bid, gave an analysis and recommended that the bid of the Torrance Cycle and Sports Shop, with the exception of Items #11, #13, #14 and #19, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Recreation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3472

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION OF STORM WATER MAIN TO PACIFIC OCEAN.

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In answer to a question from Councilman Beasley, City Engineer Bishop stated that this matter will have nothing to do with Walteria Lake.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3472. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3469

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT
CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY
SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES
COUNTY, THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE
BROADWAY-HALE STORES, INC., FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE "SOUTH TORRANCE
TRUNK SEWER"

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3469. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3470

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR MUTUAL
AID OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICES.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 3470. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 3471

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING
THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF CRIMINAL
JURISDICTION FOR A COURT SERVING THE SOUTH
BAY AND CENTINELA VALLEY AREA AND SUPPORTING
THE MULTI-JUDGE REGIONAL SUPERIOR COURT PLAN;
AND REQUESTING THE TRANSFER OF THIS CITY TO
SUCH COURT UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF CRIMINAL
JURISDICTION.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated this was an effort to get criminal jurisdiction for the Inglewood Branch of the Superior Court. The matter has been discussed with Chief Bennett, who is in favor of it. He felt that it would save time and expense to the City.

Mayor Isen stated the Resolution sets up more than a branch of the Superior Court. He stated he was not in accord with Section 4, and suggested that a resolution be written which stated the City of Torrance endorses the request for immediate establishment of criminal jurisdiction in a Branch of the Superior Court in Inglewood, and that cases of the City of Torrance be placed in that jurisdiction, rather than Long Beach.

ORDINANCES:

1. A cover letter submitted four proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance relating to general provisions, M-1 and M-1R zoning, non-conforming use and variances from City Attorney Remelmeyer, dated May 15, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 984

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SECTION 17 ENTITLED "NONCONFORMING USES" ESTABLISHING TERMINATION PERIODS FOR NONCONFORMING USES AND PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 984. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 985

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 1 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" SETTING FORTH THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE OFFICIAL LAND USE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 985. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 986

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 11 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "M-1 LIGHT MANUFACTURING" AND "M-1R LIGHT MANUFACTURING-RESIDENTIAL"

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the M-1R zone.

Planning Director Powell stated that it was the original intention of the Planning Commission that in a M-1 zone there should be no residential uses. However, there are some M-1 zones that perhaps require residential dwellings, particularly in the Victor Precinct and for that reason the City Attorney included the M-1R zone in this ordinance.

Councilman Jahn moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 986, with the amendment that the M-1R zone be eliminated from the title and Section 11X be deleted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Benstead objected to Boat Building and Blacksmith Shops being listed as a permissible use in an M-1 zone.

Councilman Benstead moved to amend the motion to eliminate Boat Building and Blacksmith Shops under Section 11A, Permissible Uses. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Benstead. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn's motion for approval carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

4. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 988

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 18 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "VARIANCES" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn inquired if the main purpose of this ordinance was to set a time limit on variances. City Attorney Remelmeyer replied that was the purpose and that it included each person who is not operating on a variance, regardless of how many years they had been operating under such a variance. This would give the Council an opportunity to review these variances.

Planning Director Powell stated approximately 75% of the variances have been corrected by change of zone. He estimated there would be approximately 50 variances to review. Councilman Bradford felt the ordinance had a good merit. The Council could control the condition, etc., of the property involved.

Councilman Jahn moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 988, and if this works a hardship or is a mistake then the ordinance will be revoked. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Leo Campbell, 4800 Elaine Place, Torrance, California, as spokesman for a group in the audience from the Carl Steele P.T.A., asked that consideration be given to the grading and planting of the La Romeria Park.

Mayor Isen stated that these matters would all be considered at the budget hearings to be held in June.

Mrs. John asked that the Council note the park is directly across from the school and the school children could use park facilities in conjunction with their school activities.

Councilman Jahn moved this problem, along with the problems of other parks which have not been graded and seeded, be included as an item for budget discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

City Engineer Bishop stated he had been requested by the staff to ask consideration of a problem at the northeast corner of Prairie and 182nd Street. Mr. Bishop had a drawing which all the Council studied and discussed at some length, after which the Council instructed City Engineer Bishop to continue according to the ordinance.

Assistant City Manager Mansfield stated that last year a tragedy occurred on Prairie Avenue where a young man who was driving a car was killed. Due to the loyalty and quick judgment of Inspector Earl Roberts in taking pictures, etc., the law suit that developed resolved in favor of the City. Had the City lost it would have been a loss of \$200,000. A letter from the insurance company has been written commending Mr. Roberts on his efforts. Mayor Isen stated the Council concurs in the letter and the statement of Mr. Mansfield. Mr. Roberts should be commended on his diligence and efforts on behalf of the City.

Councilman Beasley stated he would like to bring up the matter again in regard to the parking of airplanes on the Airport by Airport Commissioners without any payment of fees. He said he had investigated the matter and felt the report was strictly an error. The planes are either being parked on leaseholds or they are being charged for by the Airport Manager since he has taken over the office.

Councilman Blount stated he had photographs and a letter from Collins-Dietrich, which states that aircraft 6075-C has never paid any money to the City in tie-down fees. There have been no receipts from that airplane.

Mayor Isen requested City Manager Stevens to instruct the Airport Manager, the young lady in the Airport office, and Mr. Neal to be present at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Councilman Benstead left the meeting.

Councilman Beasley stated he felt the City of Torrance and cities throughout the area are being short-changed on the matter of freeway money. Mayor Isen asked Councilman Beasley to prepare a program for their consideration.

Councilman Blount stated that approximately a year ago he had asked for some maps. He again asked that the Council be furnished with a workable set of maps. Councilman Beasley stated that Mr. Powell had informed him the maps would be available within a week or ten days. Mr. Schlens reaffirmed the statement that the maps would be ready in a week.

Councilman Drale announced that the Street, Sewer and Refuse Collection Committee would meet Thursday, May 22, 1958, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Conference Room, and asked that Mr. Mansfield also attend this meeting.

Mayor Isen proclaimed Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24, as "Poppy Day" in Torrance for the benefit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mayor Isen stated he had a communication regarding the June 10 hearing on the dairy situation. It was suggested that a Self Enforcement Committee be set up to police the dairy industry. This Committee would see that each dairy came up to health standards, control the flies and bugs, keep the premises cleaned up and see that laws and ordinances were obeyed. It would act as a public relations committee.

A representative of Inglewood Farms stated they had set up such a committee.

Councilman Beasley asked that two members of the Planning Department work with this committee.

Councilman Drale moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance